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UNEMPLOYMENT OF AGRICULTURAL LABOURERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a study has been conducted by the Government on the increasing unemployment of agricultural labourers during non-seasonal periods;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to utilize such labour in non-agricultural areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): The Ministry of Labour & Employment has not carried out any such study. However, as per the labour force survey carried out by the National Sample Survey Organisation, around 88.6% of the usual status workers engaged in agriculture in rural areas could find more or less full time work during the year 1999-2000.

(c): A National Rural Employment Guarantee Bill to provide 100 days of employment to each family living below the poverty line in rural areas has already been tabled in the Parliament.